

**LIVERPOOL CITY REGION LOCAL NATURE PARTNERSHIP
BOARD MEETING
NOTES AND ACTIONS**

Date:	7 th October 2020 2:00 p.m.	
Present:	Gideon Ben-Tovim OBE (GBT)	Chair
	Paul Nolan (PN)	Mersey Forest
	Michelle Whalley (MWh)	Mersey Forest / Nature Connected
	Jo Holden (JH)	Peel Holdings
	Dr Alan Jemmett (AJ)	Merseyside Environmental Advisory
	Caroline Holmes (CH) (Part)	Knowsley Council
	Stephen Sykes (SS)	EMANSYS
	Carl Beer (CB)	MWRA
	Rachel Hanmer-Dwight (RHD)	Liverpool University
	Ashley Bennington (AB)	Environment Agency
	Christine Derbyshire (CD)	Liverpool City Council
	Steven Wong.(SW)	United Utilities
	Iain Taylor (IT)	Forestry and Woodland Advisory Committee (FWAC)
	Andrew Darron (AD)	Ground Work
	Don Thompson (DT)	Merseyside Environmental Trust
	Colm Bowe (CB)	LJMU
	Lucy Abram (LA)	Natural England
	Caroline Riley (CR)	Health Waterways Trust
	Alasdair Forman (AF)	Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)
	Nick Thompson (NT)	Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)
	Annie Merry (AM)	Faiths For Change
	Rachel Cripps(RC)	Lancashire Wildlife Trust (LWT)
Circulation:	As above & Board members.	

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Item	Comments	Action
1.0	<p>Welcome, Introductions, apologies, previous minutes (Gideon Ben-Tovim)</p>	
2.0	<p>Updates from the LCR Climate Partnership, the Community Fund and the LCR Comprehensive Spending Review Submission (Gideon Ben-Tovim)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work continues – regular monthly meetings, well attended – including colleagues from Nature Connected Board. • A Report has been circulated – which is a summary of the climate partnership aims and objectives. • Timescale for the climate action plan – this is the next piece of work for the NC Board to contribute to – including terms of reference/ membership / produced by April 2021. • Commitment to establish climate panel confirmed – built on YOE momentum – the panel will work with many partners involved in that – more discussion on this item will take place at next climate partnership • GBT stated that it would be fair to say in reporting to Ca the work of NC, has influenced the Green Recovery/ Build Back Better Recovery plan which does now include section on Green Recovery. In the submission to the Government Comprehensive Spending Review – Carbon Hydrogen, Tidal, Walking / Cycling were included although not much on the Natural Environment – we will continue pressure for this to be expanded. However, the Climate Action plan allows the opportunity to include Nature Based projects and longer term carbon neutral plans. • The report to the CA – referred to the Community Environment Fund – which has now launched. – GBT – provided the back ground – and the grants money to be spent by next Sept. Good reference to YOE 2019 throughout. <p>There was a question from the Board around whether the climate partnership meetings were online and public.</p> <p>A request was made whether the minutes could be available publicly for information purposes, to show the public that</p>	

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	<p>something is being done and so that the panel could be held accountable</p>	<p>GBT to request whether the minutes can be published public – that way they can be held accountable.</p>
<p>3.0</p>	<p>Strategic Opportunities and issues for Nature Connected (Alan Jemmett, Paul Nolan and Colm Bowe) There is a lot in play in terms of Green Environment and therefore it was decided that it would be useful to try and pull all this together in terms of strategic direction document- with the aim to succinctly articulate the green recovery part of Covid recovery plan and how it links into Spatial development strategy and industrial strategy.</p> <p>This document is still in draft form –it sets out current drivers and initiatives in terms of GR and includes a number of asks.</p> <p>Paper sets out driver and opportunity – talks about strength of partnership across LCR – list the current initiatives that are taking place under the umbrella – Green Print for Growth – Natural Capital Baseline – Net Gain for Biodiversity –and a number of asks.</p> <p>Comments from Boards included; Perhaps worth a question via Gideon to LCRCA about how they are intending to organise themselves and the various meetings/Panel/Communications –</p> <p>If LCRCA doesn't take ownership, it will lose out on natural capital funding to other regions that are currently organising themselves more effectively Manchester has done some fabulous work and we can learn from that and apply it in LCR and make it our own.</p> <p>-Set out the strong partnership / delivery record etc -Showcase what others are doing -need to be more assertive– telling them the targets how they should be meeting them</p> <p>- need a very senior environmental post –</p>	

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	<p>- Declaration of Ecological Emergency Explain in report the need for senior level team</p> <p>As well as the what we can learn from Manchester - there has also been some real innovation in Liverpool I.e. around measuring natural capital/environmental net gain etc that could also inform other areas</p> <p>Climate Partnership Board – divided into thematic groups – CP – to bring all 9 themes together in climate action plan – ask them to look at other parts of the country and see best practice in action – journey of discussion of what is possible –</p>	
4.0	<p>Legacy of the Year of Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual awards Echo Environment Awards was held a few week – very uplifting– congrats to LWT / BIOBANK etc for City Nature Challenge – • Over the years – Nature Connected has sponsored young environment champion – this year was for group of young men in Sefton • AJ has been asked if we could support the Young Environmental champion next year. • Becomes quite difficult for Young Environmental Champion – to get them through the system – (GDPR etc) – pre work this year – e.g. some of member orgs such as RSPB, NT LWT – to identify outstanding individuals from within. IF the Board is happy AJ will tee up from December – closing date for nomination will be end of Jan. 	
5.0	<p>Partner Updates - a chance for any member to update on recent significant issues/developments/bids (All)</p> <p>A round table was held for partners to share updates.</p>	
8.0	<p>Any other Business</p>	
8.0	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>27th January 2021 – via ZOOM</p>	